

CIRCLEVILLE CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES 2/18/2025

Circleville City Council convened in Council Chambers Tuesday, February 18, 2025, at 7:00 p.m. Council members present at Roll call: President Barry Keller, At Large Members Katie Logan-Hedges, Sheri Theis, and Tom Klitzka, Second Ward John Moats, Third Ward Audrey Lukasak and Clerk Melissa Burns. Excused absent members: First Ward Jeff Hallinin and Fourth Ward Tom Duvall. Invited guests present: Mayor Michelle Blanton and Planner Hannah Wynne.

President Keller called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited, and invocation was given by all.

Theis motioned to approve City Council minutes from February 4, 2025. Moats seconded. Motion carried.

REPORTS FROM COUNCIL MEMBERS:

Moats stated he was able to ride along with both the Police Department and Fire Department. Moats also met with Circleville City Schools, and they invited Council to the State of Schools on March 5, 2025.

Lukasak stated she visited the Ohio Housing Security Alliance and said the homeless population has increased over the years. Lukasak stated they do a great job of bringing different organizations together in the community and meet on the third Tuesday of every month from 1-2:30 p.m.

Theis announced she will have a Strategic Planning meeting on March 4, 2025, at 6:45 p.m.

Hedges stated she had a Finance meeting on January 28, 2025, with 6 pieces of legislation that are on the Agenda for a second reading, and one piece of legislation from her meeting on February 4, 2025. Hedges also had another Finance meeting earlier this evening and will have three pieces of legislation that will be added to the next Council meeting.

Klitzka stated he had a Judicial meeting on January 28, 2025, and will have an Ordinance on the Agenda this evening.

REPORTS FROM CITY OFFICIALS:

Mayor Blanton announced there is a traffic pattern change on Edgewood Drive north of North Ridge to include a four-way stop. Blanton also announced lift stations throughout the City have been backed up due to non-flushable items being flushed in the toilet. Blanton asked the citizens not to flush disposable wipes, non-disposable wipes, or clothing to help prevent those backups from happening in the future.

QUESTIONS OR ANSWERS TO ADMINISTRATION: None.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:

Dave Horning spoke to say he would like the City to try and save/acquire the Movie House on Pickney Street. Keller stated he believed the property would be sold soon and he isn't aware of any action Council could take to intervene at this time. Mayor Blanton stated she would work with the Law Director and City Planner to review any options the City may have.

William Haddox stated he believes there are a lot of fires caused by faulty electric heaters. He asked if next year the City would consider having an event where citizens could have their heaters examined by a professional.

COMMUNICATIONS: None

ORDINANCES FOR SECOND READING:

a) AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 123.01 OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF CIRCLEVILLE ESTABLISHING THE POSITION OF CLERK OF COUNCIL AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Discussion: Hedges stated this Ordinance is cleaning up the codified Ordinances and is not for a new position.

MOTION-ROLL CALL -VOTE

Hedges motioned to hold the Ordinance for a third reading. Theis seconded. Roll call. (5 Yeas- 0 Nay).

b) AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 123.01 OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF CIRCLEVILLE ESTABLISHING THE POSITION OF ASSISTANT CLERK OF COUNCIL AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Discussion: Hedges stated this Ordinance is like the first Ordinance and is also cleaning up the codified Ordinances and established the part-time clerk.

MOTION-ROLL CALL -VOTE

Moats motioned to hold the Ordinance for a third reading. Lukasak seconded. Roll call. (5 Yeas- 0 Nay).

c) RESOLUTION APPROVING THE APPLICATION TO ADD CERTAIN PARCELS OF REAL PROPERTY TO THE CIRCLEVILLE NEW COMMUNITY AUTHORITY DISTRICT AND TO AMEND THE PETITION FOR ESTABLISHMENT OF THE CIRCLEVILLE NEW COMMUNITY AUTHORITY AS A NEW COMMUNITY AUTHORITY UNDER CHAPTER 349 OF THE OHIO REVISED CODE AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Discussion: Hedges stated that this Resolution and agenda items D and E are related. Hedges explained this is the final step for adding the three projects to the NCA. Keller clarified this is for the DR Horton Development.

MOTION-ROLL CALL -VOTE

Theis motioned to hold the Resolution for a third reading. Klitzka seconded. Roll call. (5 Yeas- 0 Nay).

d) RESOLUTION APPROVING THE APPLICATION TO ADD CERTAIN PARCELS OF REAL PROPERTY TO THE CIRCLEVILLE NEW COMMUNITY AUTHORITY DISTRICT AND TO AMEND THE PETITION FOR ESTABLISHMENT OF THE CIRCLEVILLE NEW COMMUNITY AUTHORITY AS A NEW COMMUNITY AUTHORITY UNDER CHAPTER 349 OF THE OHIO REVISED CODE AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Discussion: Hedges stated this is for the Heritage Ponds Development.

MOTION-ROLL CALL -VOTE

Klitzka motioned to hold the Resolution for a third reading. Theis seconded. Roll call. (5 Yeas- 0 Nay).

e) RESOLUTION APPROVING THE APPLICATION TO ADD CERTAIN PARCELS OF REAL PROPERTY TO THE CIRCLEVILLE NEW COMMUNITY AUTHORITY DISTRICT AND TO AMEND THE PETITION FOR ESTABLISHMENT OF THE CIRCLEVILLE NEW COMMUNITY AUTHORITY AS A NEW COMMUNITY AUTHORITY UNDER CHAPTER 349 OF THE OHIO REVISED CODE AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Discussion: Hedges stated this is for the South Court Development.

MOTION-ROLL CALL -VOTE

Moats motioned to hold the Resolution for a third reading. Klitzka seconded. Roll call. (5 Yeas- 0 Nay).

f) AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE ANNUAL APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE IN THE CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT .4% INCOME TAX FUND 206 SAFETY FORCES .5% TAX FUND 212 SAFETY FORCES .5% TAX FUND 227 WATERWORKS OPERATING FUND 808 WATERWORKS IMPROVEMENT AND EXTENSION FUND 819 AND SANITARY SEWER OPERATING FUND 909 OF THE CITY OF CIRCLEVILLE.

Discussion: Hedges stated this Housekeeping Ordinance had several different appropriations and came from the Finance Committee with a recommendation passage.

MOTION-ROLL CALL -VOTE

Hedges motioned to hold the Ordinance for a third reading. Klitzka seconded. Roll call. (5 Yeas- 0 Nay).

g) AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE ZONING DISTRICT OF 0 ATWATER AVENUE (PARCEL #A05-1-115-00-001-88 AND A05-1-115-00-001-89), 0 MORRIS ROAD (PARCEL #A05-1-115-00-001-90 AND A05-1-115-00-001-00) FROM NB (NEIGHBORHOOD BUSINESS) DISTRICT, MUR (MULTI-UNIT) DISTRICT AND MDR (MEDIUM DENSITY RESIDENTIAL) DISTRICT TO PUD, PLANNED UNIT DEVELOPMENT.

Discussion: Klitzka stated this Ordinance is only amending the zoning code. Wynne stated this Ordinance is for the ALTO PUD and this is the fifth time this Ordinance has been read in a public meeting. The Ordinance is for the rezoning of the property and if the Ordinance passes the redevelopment will go back to Planning and Zoning for final approval.

MOTION-ROLL CALL -VOTE

Klitzka motioned to hold the Ordinance for a third reading. Theis seconded. Roll call. (5 Yeas- 0 Nay).

ORDINANCES FOR FIRST READING:

h) AN ORDINANCE TO AUTHORIZE AND IMPLEMENT THE LABOR WAGE REOPENER AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE OHIO PATROLMEN'S BENEVOLENT ASSOCIATION AND THE CITY OF CIRCLEVILLE AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Discussion: Hedges stated this is the wage reopener with the OPB for \$1 an hour and a 3% wage increase effective January 1, 2025.

MOTION-ROLL CALL -VOTE

Hedges motioned to hold the Ordinance for a second reading. Theis seconded. Roll call. (5 Yeas- 0 Nay).

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Theis motioned to excuse Duvall from tonight's meeting. Klitzka seconded. Motion carried.
2. Klitzka motioned to excuse Hallinin from tonight's meeting. Hedges seconded. Motion carried.

Hedges motion to adjourn the City Council meeting. Moats seconded. Council is adjourned at 7:26 p.m.

Minutes prepared by: Melissa Burns, Clerk.